In the first place the Board of County Commissioners had awardwhose business character was not above suspicion, to do a work for which he proved himself incompetent to perform. They agreed to give him twice or three times as much as the work was worth. There are hundreds the work and done it well and faith- follows : fully for one half the amount paid to "I knew the great. Observe me right : Smyth. Indeed if he has regular em- So shall you grow, like man, polite.

his labors decreased.

morn until dark, who do not get even

and given every lawyer in the city loose sheets for use in their offices.

The whole affair is an "outrage" on the county, a swindle upon the taxheld guiltless by the people. As the to the Lieutenant Governor as soon as are more responsible than Smyth, and Then some other important offices were system to be preferred that gave us Chairman Wilson deserves thanks for to be vacated by their incumbents and was confidence in the guilty sympathy schemes, the accomplishment of which ers, which induced Smyth to apply for ic acting Governor. To prevent the assemble, let the Constitution he had just been driven in disgrace. Will the Board dare reappoint him?

ing the month of May, just past, as stealing the Sunday dinner of a man follows: In New York and Brooklyn, it was to be done by chivalrons sons 8618,000; in the United States, exclu- of Carolina, we suppose it might be all sive of these cities, \$8,127,260; aggre- right. Only we have been educated in gate, \$8,745,800. Losses in the United a different school, and so we are una-States during the first five months of able to appreciate that fine sense of this year reported, \$38,004,500. These honor for which our Southern brethfacts, in connection with the fact that ren-and particularly our Carolina the gross earnings of the nation are brethren—are so justly celebrated. \$7,000,000,000, nine-tenths of which We clip the above from the columns are consumed for current living, leaving only \$700,000,000 net accumulahet earnings, furnish food for serious reflection. That nearly 30 per cent. of the net earnings of a people should partion of this destruction is preventi-

b e by proper caution. THE wife of Senator Sharon of Ne- of the Supreme Court, he knows his povada recently died in Washington and | litical status very well. was buried in a coffln of solid silver. Her burnal dress was of white satin Sharon has since rented Senator Stew- art's residence at \$18,000 wanted to be a bandit, but the other cannot believe they would be willing the ordinance! Will Judge Rodman say you comrades?

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dustrious folks everywhere, read the by which two lovely young ladies, not be denied. The first is that no demand will be granted. procedings of the meeting of the daughters of prominent citizens of trust of so important a character as Let us, then, speak out, and in plain Verily, one would think it was the Roald of County Commissioners, Elgecombe, were drowned, without that involved in the government of a terms. If the Democrats of the West, mule and not His Honor that was

The poet Gay gave to us the fable of

the Commissioners themselves. And the monkey who, being bent on turn are brought to light and exposed, how race, treasured up the knowledge one of these Commissioners openly as- which he had gained in his travels and poused the cause of the beneficiary of experience among men, with the deterthe "outrage;" how one sat in approv- mination of again imparting it for the ing silence; and how two others timid- civilization of all monkeydom; and ly fled from all responsibility. Only I ke Orpheus, burnt with public zear

sure an employe who had proved un- himself fully equal to his self-imposed

him and were astonished at his strut and dress. Some praised his sleeve: richly embroidered coat : ·His dapper periwig commending,

He exhibited to the assembled monkeys, the manners and customs and described the arts and wiles of of men in this city, honest, hard-work- men, as he understood them; finishing men, who would gladly have done ing his first lesson of instruction as

ployment worth anything approaching Thus the Southern negro, through the pay he receives as Clerk of the the chance results of an armed revo Board, he could not in five months lution which levelled to the dust well have done other work worth thirteen | nigh all that was good, and raised inhundred dollars. During the past to promineuce all that was evil in a five months this negro Smyth has republican form of government, esby the County Commissioners for la. Gay's monkey, has put on the strut bors as a clerk and copyist, a sum and "fluttering shoulder-knot" of equal to a monthly salary of three hun- | those he would imitate, and has sought dred and sixty dollars, or at the rate the high places of teacher and ruler.

missioners regard his labors worth only monkey—the negro seeks to govformed their full duty to the people no other qualification than the insignia officer of that great swindling affair. his sanctuary. They fail to see where

which wantonly defranded the poor | The sections of North Carolina that negroes out of their hard-earned are under the rule of the negro and wages, and the branch here, accord- carpet bagger, have, for ten weary the cashier, for by the favor of the commissioners his reward has been the name, filled by persons who are great. His pay has been doubled and "powerful for evil and powerless for

> against oppressive taxation, against instruggles have been the struggles of impotence, and have generally resulted

At length, however, a star of hope and promise has risen, and when this as much as twelve hundred dollars a hope and this promise shall in Septem' er next, become a glorious reality-the reality that the people of a printing office in this city which ling grievances, and shaping a Constiwould not have furnished the books tutional government for themselves. neatly printed for one half the amount, the day of our deliverance will be nigh at hand.

A Tar-Heel Sham conservative Plot

the Governor has steadily obstructed, Brogden has been forced to remain been invited and had announced his intention of attending. This THE New York World reports the scheme of the tar-heel Democrats who is going to church. But then, as

of the Washington Republican, the tion, and some statisticians place the fifthy sewer for all articles abusive and consumption at a higher figure, leav- slanderous of North Carolina. The ing only 5 per cent., or \$350,000,000, Harrisburg Telegraph may publish this nonsense in ignorance of its untruthfulness, but the Republican be annihilated by fire, is by no means knows better and does it with a mali an evidence of prudence. And a large cious gratification. As the editor of the Republican has lately been an honored(?) guest of one of the Judge

with silk flounces of point lace and prussic acid because General Phil. was on exhibition prior to her funeral. Sheridan married another girl. She girl forbid the bans,

it is sufficient that such is the fact.

This being so, it needed not experi- and we must do so plainly. ence to teach the folly of placing the county governments in the eastern portion of our State, where the negroes most do congregate, in their hands. There never was and never could be any doubt as to the result. Fraud and extravagance follow ignorance and corraption as surely as night follows

In consequence of this immutable law, the people, the intelligent tax-paying portion of the people, in other words His hairy sylvans pressed around the white people of very many of our eastern counties are laboring under an intolerable grievance. Their county and others chattered in ecstacy at his governments are in the hands of men elected by the ignorant, the corrupt, the non-tax-paying portion of the population, in other words our county governments are in the hands of men

put in office by the negroes. Can this grievance be remedied and can the county governments be placed in the hands of men for whose intelligence and for whose integrity there will be ample and abundant guarantees? It can and the remedy is no less simple than efficacious. It is simply to return to the old paths, the old timehonored paths we used to follow in North Carolina before the curse of Reconstruction blighted our fair land. In the olden time when North Carolinians lived under a Constitution made by their freely chosen delegates in lawful convention duly assembled, the Legislature selected the magistrates and the magistrates conducted the affairs of the counties. And was there ever such a body of men as the magistrates of North Carolina? Who then heard of ignorance in county governments and corruption in the expenditure of their revenues? Then THOMAS RUFFIN, the man whose judicial opinions had been quoted with honor and with approbation in the most exalted tribunais of public justice in foreign countries, thought it no degradation to resign the office of Chief-Justice of the Supreme Court of North Carolina and become a magistrate in the county of Alamance. WILLIE P. MAN-GUM, who occupied possibly a more prominent position in the United States Senate in its palmiest days, in the Javs when Clay, Calhoun and Webster made that body so illustrious, and who than ever did before or since any man from North Carolina, hesitated not to become a magistrate in the county of or better man never honored the office of Governor of North Carolina, for many years earnestly devoted himself without reward or the hope of reward magistrate of Edgecombe. Surely the system that led to the selection, as

ferable to the one that gives us as magistrates, the negroes Jos. C. Hill, Authory Howe and W. H. Moore, Which is to be preferred, the system scheme to be played while the Gover- so steeped in ignorance and superstiwith murder to be taken from jail, carprisoner was guilty and should touch the dead body, the accusing blood would gush from its veins, or is that

magistrates of such men as these and

the hundreds of others we could name

among the living and the dead, within

our recollection, was a system far pre-

Let us then return to the old paths and support of a majority of the oth- were to be appointed by the Democrat- and as soon as the Convention shall changed so that the magistrates shall away from Boston, and so fail to ap. once more be elected by the Legislapear at the Centennial, to which he had ture, and when so elected let them be entrusted with the management of county affairs. Then, and not I ses by fire in the United States dur- bears a close resemblance to a plot for until then shall we have relief. It has been and ever shall be our aim to speak frankly and honestly upon matters political, as upon other matters, and we do not hesitate to say that if the Convention to assemble in September shall not give us of the said city. East, the relief we demand in this fering people this great blessing that in an act passed for the very purpose help but secretly wishing that I had been They have accepted honestly the rethe reason that the negro population entertain grave doubts as to the con-A young lady of New Orleans took wedded to the present system, and tion. Judge Rodman was a mem-

A STRANGER to the families cannot THE CONVENTION-ONE THING informed, if the East shall demand at was constitutional in 1868 to require

this morning to enquire into its causes, and freighted with their blessings. tember will soon come. But we, of the East, must speak out,

OUR CITY CHARTER-IS IT

According to various intimations,

nore or less worthy of credence and

recently had from the city of Raleigh, it appears that there is no difficulty in egard to the constitutionality of the recent act of the Legislature amending the charter of the city of Wilmington, save such as has been begotten in the judicial mind of the supreme tribunal for the decision of disputes as to the law of the land by the clause requiring a residence of ninety days prior to the day of election as a qualification for voting for an alderman. This provision, it is said upon the streets, excites a boly horror in the nominated General Charles W. Robpolitically unbiased minds of Judge erts, of Bangor, for Governor. The Reade and Judge Rodman and Judge resolutions declare emphatically in Settle and his concentrated Honor, favor of free trade, hard money and Court House, Va., June 19, 1875. Chief-Justice Pearson. These august home rule, of equal rights, the paypersonages, as Mark Anthony said in ment of the national debt, economy in Batton, having been indicted and tried his speech over Cæsar, are all "honor- the national, State and municipal adable men." Judge Reade is the man, if we recollect aright, who expressed at a salary of \$25,000. The platform ton, on the first day of May, 1875, and creased so greatly in North Carolina since the war, neglecting, how- General Connor. Whether he can de- ton, to make the following free and ever, to state whether he got feat him remains to be seen. It is not full confession: For the past two years honorable man. Judge Rodman if we remember aright was the fortunate individual who escaped the surrender at Appomattox Court House by the aid of a vigorous mule, that fortunate animal that unlike its rider has neither pride of ancestry nor hope of posterity. Of course Judge Rodman is an honorable man. Judge Settle too is an honorable man. Did he not go to of Fort Fisher. Peru, and does not the original genuine guano like the celebrated Llama come all the way from Peru, and may you not break the vase if you will but will not the scent of the roses hang around it still! Of course he is an honorable man. And then the Chief Justice Richmond M. Pearson, the man by whose help Holden was enabled to carry on the Kirk war, is he not an honorable man? Certainly he is, can he be otherwise than an honorsuch doubts. Accordingly, therefore, we have just turned to the record and what do we find? We find that the very Convention that framed the Constitution, the Convention of 1868, formally and explicitly gave an emphatic interpretation to the Constitution upon this very point, and in reference to the municipal government of the very same city that is now | Turrentine from Orange. disturbing the Court, to-wit: The City In the bound volume containing the Constitution and Ordinances adopted

by the Convention of 1868, chapter XLVIII, is to be found an ordinance entitled an "ordinance amending the Charter of the City of Wilmington.' This ordinance in its preamble recites that certain provisions of the then existing charter of the city are inconsistent with the Constitution adopted by said Convention, and thereupon proceeds to repeal them in the first and second sections thereof. In the third section however, of

election the qualification of the candifor the history, and select some dates and the voters shall be the same of their number to put the whole dates and the voters shall be the same of their number to put the whole dates and the voters shall be the same of their number to put the whole dates and the voters shall be the same of their number to put the whole dates and the voters shall be the same of their number to put the whole dates and the voters shall be the same of their number to put the whole dates and the voters shall be the same of their number to put the whole dates and the voters shall be the same of their number to put the whole dates and the voters shall be the same of their number to put the whole dates and the voters shall be the same of their number to put the whole dates and the voters shall be the same of the voters shall be the voters shall be the voters shall be the voters shall be the voters s that are required of such persons by

we labored so long and so earnestly to of placing the charter of the city of t secure the call of that body. We Wilmington in accord with the Con- Whiting and Colonel Lamb was always speak plainly because the time has stitution they had adopted, that under of the most pleasant nature, and come to speak plainly. The evils that Constitution it was allowable to no braver men or more accomplished is the strongest proof of the sincerity flowing from the present system of require six months' residence in the county governments do not bear so corporate limits of the city prior to hardly upon the people of the West voting. And yet some of our wise glad would be the hearts of all if Gen. as they do upon our people, and for Judges, if they be correctly reported, there is comparatively small. But stitutionality of requiring three revisit with them the scenes of our even if our brethren of the West were | months' residence prior to the elecwe are glad to say they are not, we ber of that Convention and voted for

to sacrafice us. Unless we be wrongly rise to explain how it happens that it

the hands of the West a change in the six months' residence prior to election red near Tarboro yesterday afternoon, There are two propositions that can-system of county governments, the day, and unconstitutional to require only three months in 1875!

WILMINGTON, N. C., FRIDAY, JULY 2, 1875.

as reported in the Journal yest the most heartfelt sympathies for the free and intelligent people ought to be would save the Democrats of the sleeping from the queer change that terd v. with much interest and in- bereaved parents. It comes upon confided to the hands of ignorant or East, if they would lift from us the has come over the spirit of his dream dignation In these piping times of their friends with crushing force. So corrupt men. The second proposition load of oppression that we have been if he entertains any doubt on the point. business stagnation and want it is sudden, so terrible is the blow that is that men of African birth or descent gradually sinking under these long. But we shall see what we shall see. en agh to make the blood course w fe't as if death had entered our own are as a race both corrupt and ignor- weary years, if they would relieve The Court may declare the bill unconthrough our veins more quickly to see family circle. We extend to our ant. Attempt to gloss it over, as the us from the extravagance and corrup-stitutional, but thank Heaven there how the county has been "outraged," fri nds our most carnest and heartfelt most enthusiastic admirer of the negro tion that is daily wasting the substance will soon be a power in North Carolina may, he cannot escape the palpable of our people, they must unite with us greater than that of the Court, we fact that as a race the negro is lacking in restoring the old time-honored prac- mean that of the people in Convention not only in mental but in moral edu- tice that came down to us from our assembled, and then our wrongs will a pistol, and as he opened the door he cation. It is useless for our purpose fathers, approved by their experience be righted. Let us be patient, Sep-

> THE NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION IN 1876.

The Democratic Central Committee of Missouri have adopted a resolution inviting, in behalf of the Democracy of Missouri, the National Democratic Convention of 1876 to assemble in St. Louis, and pledged themselves to make ample preparations for the reception and accommodation of all who come to it. The place proposed for holding the Convention will be the hall of the new Chamber of Commerce building, which will be 235 feet long by 100 feet wide and 70 feet high, with galle-

ries all around the hall, and a capacity for seating 17,000 people. vention on Tuesday and unanimously across the foot of her bed. ministrations, the abolition of unnec-"ignoring" the third term-but it would be pad for Blaine if he should

FORT FISHER

suggestions in Saturday's JOURNAL trated in our purpose at that time. proposing a reunion of the survivors

I trust that they will meet with cordial endorsement. It was the greatest artillery battle of the war, if not of history. The truth about it has

printed. No statement that I have after he left home and attack him on een even approaches accuracy, During the engagement I was acting and have an imperfect diary of the and Ozias W. Batton went in company

Whiting was shot, I saw him fall, and soon afterwards supported by his | W. Batton. About three-quarters of gallant Adjutant, Major Hill. I never an hour after the wagon left we startfter thi incident was captured and road by the back way through David

sent to me at Fort Delaware and was McClanan's gate; we rode at a toleraafterwards taken from me under the | bly rapid gate until we overtook the brutal prison discipline that prevailed | wagon, passing on our way, near Wm. Eastern boys is worthy of imperisha- overtook the wagon, Ozias W. Batton

nce of a daring but soldierly act. a fete without a paralell in our war. Since the publication of "Our Living and Our Dead" begun, it has been shot-gun, the gun being fired by

ord me a timely opportunity for the performance of this duty. I shall ret thre times on the head with a club

hearty endorse.nent. Please accept my best wishes.

WHITEVILLE, June 22d, 1875. write to second your suggestion for a Fear Agricultural Association. The war, and I believe that in the confu-

of no better way than that suggested by that an attempt was made by Aibert home for the post office notification. the latter coming dangerously near. that they may exchange opinions, as-

in proper shape for publication. It would greatly assist the future historian and add new lustre to the lau-Among "the previous provisions of rels won, and already published, by acknowledged the defeat of the opin- first felt hurt, then slighted, and final- my feet together, planted me like a like this act" we find the following, to-with North Carolina troops in our struggle Sec. 4. Be it further enacted. That for independence. I spent nearly all of it has never abandoned its hero-worno person shall be entitled to vote for the three years of my soldier life at ship or ceased to venerate the men Mayor and Aldermen unless he shall Fort Fisher; was in the first bombar. - who led its armies and its councils. be qualified and entitled to vote for ment, but was at home on sick fur- Tribune. members of the General Assembly of lough when the memorable second this State and shall have resided for took place, and reached Wilmington fact that the ladies of Texas are enaix months next preceding the day of on Monday morning after the fall of election within the corporate limits of Fisher on Sunday night. Although chase of a home for Hon. Jefferson not there in person, my heart was Davis, and in such "hero-worship" we Here, then, we have an express con- with those brave men who so nobly East, the relief we demand in this matter of our county governments we struction put upon the Constitution by shall regard the Convention as a the very men who made it. They failure. It was to secure to our suf-

gentlemen ever wore the grey.

I hope that Col. Lamb will be

sent at the appointed time, and how to single out Mr. Davis for especial in Whiting too could be present, but he fills a soldier's grave. I would be glad to meet with my old friends of Fisher, soldier life, hear them talk of that eventful occasion and hear from them something of what has transpired with

fession of the Murderers.

Special telegram to the Dispatch. NORFOLK, June 21.-That despergang of parricides, the Batton brothers, arrived at the jail last night about 8 o'clock, guarded by a posse of len men, tied and shackled in such a nanner as to make it impossible to get away, such a precaution being necessary owing to an assault upon the jailor and attempt to break jail at Princess Anne Courthouse yesterday morning. cells early in the morning armed with was set upon by the young ruffians and had to halloo for help, which, fortunately for him, was heard at the hotel, and a party went to the jailor's assist-The three brothers will be taken to Richmond for eighteen years

The quilt in the wagon was set or fire by the wadding from the gun, and the fire was put out, and a part of the eft in the road. O. W. Batton was by James T., and then ordered to go and putting the horses in the stable, they entered the house quietly while the family were asleep without disturbing any of them. James T. going to his room up stairs and Albert J. into THE Maine Democrats met in con- his mother's room, where he laid down

essary offices, one term for President and murdered our father, James Battion, who will make a good run against of duty to our brother, Ozias W. Bat- obliga ion to the public. not strengthen themselves much by James Batton, our father, whenever a to our mother, Sarah Jane Batton. She has always been a good and kind mother to us from our earliest infancy, ed with cruelty which has been for long years practiced upon her by our father. On Friday night of the 23rd as he returned from Knott's Island. and went to a certain place on the road leading from our house to the court-house near Horse Run Bridge, but he did not return home that night as expected, and thus we were frus-

Having known for several days that

father intended to go to Norfolk in his market wagon, on Friday night, the 30th of April, we determined upon pone the execution of our purpose no in relation to a patent. One day, while longer, and that we would pursue him for the purpose of going to Norfolk, battle up to 2 o'clock Sunday evening with him; the wagon was hitched up various beauties and attractions. The poison, make Indian heap sick, but and prepared by the undersigned, Alsaring me to a cate-mate, General up stairs in bed until after the wagon for him the highest attachment. Con- spoken; let the white man hear. ed in pursuit, riding the stallion and ublished in the New York Herald. Fentresse's old field, coming out into ton. Growing worse, he resolved to until they reached a point about ten The Herald containing the letter was the public road in front of Moses W. Timberlake's, a man in a cart, who

from Sampson, and the other young | father was lying down in the bottom of the wagon on his side, with his head I saw Murphy fall in the perform- toward the seat, but we are unable to say whether his back or the front part Young Turrentine I saw accomplish of his body was towards us ; we rode my purpose to give these two incidents | James T. Batton. After being shot he of that great battle a place in that val- | raised himself up in the wagon, and while in that position, Albert J. Batton rode up to the side of the wagon and struck him on the head two or which he had carried from home. When the gun was fired by James T. Ozias W. Batton immped from the wagon and attempted to make his esesge, but was seized and held by James T. who sprang from his horse for that purpose. The horse before the wagon was caught and held by Albert J. who afterwards fastened him by hitching the rein over the lock of

> It is proper to state further that Northern S ate for several years past. and that he did not return until Jan-In regard to the reports prevalent in J. Batton, Ozias W. being at home On his arrival he procured the letter,

ions for which it was contending, but

The above remark is elicited by the

deavoring to raise a fund for the pur-

ALBERT J. BATTON.

hope the South will never be wanting. degradation if they now repudiated the chiefs with whom they acted, and that they do not conceal their regard of their professions. It was a mistake in the United States Government dignity, and the noble addresses he reslight provision for his comfort, the

the most of it,"-Balt, Gazette.

TRIUMPHANT SUCCESS !

Grand Finale of the "Texas Bonnaza"-The Wheel of Fortue Holl Gift-The Great Drawing Gives Entire Satisfaction-The Texas Gift Concert Association More Popular Than Ever-Monster Concert-Over 10.000 People Present.

The long looked for day is past, and the gigantic scheme of the Texas Gift Concert Association has had a

GRAND AND SATISFACTORY FINALE. Early on the morning of May 31st. the streets of our city were thronged men, women and children, wending their way to Forest Park, which has so recently been improved and bene- and me-this living among the savfitted by the above Association, to ages; but my little, blue eyed wife o'clock precisely, the commissioners er value than that of the brutes, and judges were sworn in by the were then turned over to the city.

tiful and substantial improvements spres save an occasional report of Inmense applause, the committee which had been chosen by the ticket holders, we kept up a neighborly friendship. composed of the most distinguished ets and prizes had been previously ex never molested us, though they came pelled and perfect trust and confidence all. Nothing could have been done to our house, we missed sundry artimore fairly and honestly than the dis-

tribution was conducted. As the distribution proceeded, the thieving.

proud of the satisfactory manner in course, that Rolling Thunder had which they have conducted this grand | stolen my wine, so one day I drugged scheme. Their position to the public some with ipecac and placed it where I has been peculiar and by no means knew the Indian would get hold of it. his judicial gratification that the number of mulatto babies had de has the merit of being plainspoken and easily understood, and the candiand sentenced to the penitentiary for ly and honestly for its success, and date is a man of character and reputa- eighteen years, feel impelled by a sense faithfully have they discharged every Rolling Thunder paid us another visit.

We understand the second grand Masonic and I. O. O. F. temple. | but I could see that he suspected me itself, because of his habitual crueity tickets must sell rapidly. A list of from that time onward he appeared to the tickets drawing prizes will be hate me. As time passed on the Indisent to every ticket holder as soon as an ceased his visits altogether, and I

No. 167,595 " The success and good faith manifested by the A-sociation in this their of April last, we intended to kill him first distribution augers for their future efforts. - Denison Daily Crescent. I had started to visit one of our near-

A ROMANCE.

Washington to arrange some matters | make us prisoners. In less than time it takes to record the fact we were visiting the Capitol, he made the acquaintance of one of the employees, who showed him much attention, and devoted several hours to conducting and tremble, for the chief of old gentleman was completely captigress adjourned and the young man While there he was taken ill, and im- and struck out over the plains, taking mediately hastened back to Washing- us with them. Not once did they halt make his will, and having none but miles west of our homes. Here the very distant and unknown relatives, he whole band dismounted and turned the young man for whom he had form- knew that they meant to have some his presence, and having his address, themselves, a terrible fate of some he wrote a few lines, giving informa- kind would be allotted me, but I tion of his health, and requesting a dreaded still more the fate of my visit from him without delay, as he darling wife. Meanwhile some of the

with a postage stamp, the only one he had, which was slightly torn in sepa- ground. That they meant to torture rating it from the pocket-book to me was apparent at a glance; but I which it unfortunately adhered. An knew not, at first, what deviltry they acquaintance and daily visitor was em- had in mind. I soon found, however, ployed to mail the letter, who called that they meant to pursue a method the attention of the old gentleman to not at all compatible with my views. the rigid adherence of the postal de- They first drove a long stake into the partment to its own rules in relation ground, and having done this they to mutilated stamps; but he would not brought forth a very spirited horse, listen to the suggestion, saying the haltered it with a long, heavy rope, stamp was genuine, had not been used | and tied the rope to the stake. Then and was good as ever, and he would I was put on the horse and my feet not waste its value. The stamp was tied together under him. This having been done, the Indians accordingly used, and the letter duly

notified of the detention, which notice mailing the letter with the torn stamp. following day the voung home, and, man left his carrying the post office notice or paysubsquently he arrived at Washington, and then recurred to his memory the detained lettter, and he wrote home that day and not at the store, and in much excitement of mind had once done him an act of kindness. scoundrels then tied my hands behind This was told him by the lawyer who prepared the will, and who was the horses, they departed, taking my wife

> Now, let us inquire if a slight mutilation of a postage stamp is a sufficient reason for its uttter rejection by the postmaster? Suppose it represented the value of three dollars instead of three cents, would not that fact com- to increase in size and brilliancy every pel a different ruling by the Postmaster-General? Is not the principle the same whether a stamp costs three what caused it. Presently I could see Judge Watts left a jury in session cents or three dollars?— Washington that a great fire was sweeping over the upon a murder case, in order to attend City Republican.

Hidden Tressures.

informing him that one of his lady cently delivered in Texas, show how friends in that city, who had bought a little he deserved it. In making this pair of shoes during the war but could not wear them on account of uncomladies will do a praiseworthy act, and fortable lumps in the soles thereof, had it, it would explode and blow me to in Nash on Saturday, so the jury had to all cavilers there is but the one an- yesterday cut the soles open and found swer, that the Southern people will no that the lumps were caused by pebbles more consent to stultify their past his- which, upon examination, were found a piece for them .- Alexandria Gazette. great drops of sweat rolled from my Raleigh News,

A NIGHT UPON THE PLAINS.

My name is Jack Ward. I am an old

man now, and many years have come and gone since the time of which I write; but a century could not blot from my memory the fearful scenes through which I passed on that terrible night, twenty-one years ago. My father and mother were residents of Kentucky, and it was in this proud old State that I first started on the journey of life : but at the are of thirty-three I

witness the opening and impressive never showed, by word or action, that peremonies incident to the distribu- she was tired of the great garden of tion of their grand list of gifts. At 9 nature, where human life has no highwere very happy in our new home; the United States Commissioner, Charles Indians appeared to like us, and for E. Maurice, and Hon. J. W. Jennings five years we lived in peaceful conmade the opening address. The beau-tentment with naught to mar our plea-As the speaker retired amidst im- us, however, and during this time

others settled near us, and with them and prominent men in Texas, took said, we had been living in the west charge of the distribution. The tick- for about five years. The Indians had amined and placed in the wheel by the to our house very frequently. Among committee, and everything was de- those that came was a chief who called clared satisfactory. If ever any mis- himself "Rolling Thunder." He was giving had been entertained by any a veritable savage, wicked and malione then present concerning the good | cious, with not a particle of good in faith and fairness of the management, his composition. He was a thief by it was entirely and permanently dis- nature, and anything that he wanted he never hesitated to appropriate to was depicted in the countenance of his own use. After he took to coming cles from our sideboard, and at last I resolved to put a stop to his petty

Amoug other things that we missed were given as the larger prizes were were several bottles of wine of an excellent quality, which Ilhad bought for our own private use. I knew, of and after that it was sometime before He came at last, however, and there was a look of suspicion on his ugly

had almost forgotten the incident No. 325,482 draws the second prize. when it was again brought to my memory in a manner never to be forlatter part of September, my wife and est neighbors, a Mr. Thompson, who resided a mile from our house.

had gone about half the distance between our house and Thompson's when a large body of Indians suddenly rode up and surrounded us. They were led by Rolling Thunder, whose nideous countenance looked more hideous still, as he dismounted his of Congress an old gentleman visited horse and commanded his braves to

bound shand and foot. Then their chief came forward and said: "Let the dog of a white man pale him through that stupendous edifice Pawnees is great and powerful; the and directing his attention to all its white traitor give Indian poison, much vated by the young man, and formed | the white man. Rolling Thunder has

Indian got well to take vengeance on Having said this, the Chief comreturned to his home in Ohio; but the manded that we should be placed on Rolling Thunder had flown from its old gentleman remained in the city a horseback, and this having been acfew days, and then visited Baltimore. | complished, the whole band mounted letermined to bestow his wealth upon | their horses loose on the prairie. I ed so great an attachment. Desiring fun out of me, and that, if left to had a gratifying surprise in store for Indians had proceeded to a small belt

was detained here for postage, solely all kinds of hideous noises to frighten on account of the trifling mutilation him. The poor animal reared and referred to, and the party to whom it | plunged with all his might, trying to vas addressed was, in about four days, get away, but the rope held him so that he could do nothing but gallop was received six days from the date of around the stake. Some of the Indians lighted torches and brandished them at him, and so terribly frightendeem- ed was he that his shrill snortings the withheld letter of no could have been heard a quarter of a particular consequence, without even mile. As for me, I was jerked from side to side until I was nothing but a ing any attention to it. Ten days mass of bruises, and almost uncontomahawks at me as the horse passed them in his wild galloping, some of At last, however, the horse was stopped, and I was taken from his back, in sist each other in gathering material where the attempt was made, and hastened to the hotel of the old gen- a half dead condition, and laid upon had been dead four days, and that the were satisfied, or, at least, until they old gentleman, not hearing from him | were tired of looking at me, they dug or receiving the wished-for visit, had a hole in the ground, and, having tied ly indignant, and in that frame of post. When they had completed their mind had made a will in favor of a work I was in the ground up to my poor old lady in his native State, who waist, and unable to move. The

party that mailed the letter. The old with them. I struggled to release mygentieman's wealth amounted to \$53- self, shouting with all my might, but it did no good. I was unmistakably In a short time after the Indians had left me, I saw a light to the southward,

which appeared to reach the sky. It seemed to be coming toward me, and moment. I watched it curiously for some time, being unable to make out I comprehended all in an instant; the A gentleman of this city received a grass with the intention of burning me this to say of it: letter from Richmond, this morning, to death. Just then I discovered something else which, until then, I had not Friday and an agreement, as to the noticed. The savages had placed a verdict, arrived at that night, but powder horn near me in such a manner Judge Watts must needs leave his that if the approaching flames reached business to deliver a political speech

from me, nor could I avert the coming sity for.'

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face and fell upon the ground, while my heart stood still with apprehension. All this while the flames were coming nearer and nearer! They were not now more than a quarter of a mile distan and coming on with increasing fury. Unless some one came to my rescue should certainly perish. What could I do, alone and helpless, upon the great prairie, with a perfect lake of fire sweeping on to my destruction!
"My God," I cried aloud, "will no

one save me from a horrible death? "I am here for that purpose," said a familiar voice close behind me. I turned my head and beheld my nearest neighbor, Henry Thompson, in the act gan to help me out of the ground.

"This is a ticklish situation, Ward," said he, as he hastened to me and bene at this critical moment?" said I. almost crying with joy.

welfare of every human being must son, working away to get meout of the ground. "My wife and I were expect lians when they surrounded and cap ured you and your wife. We waited he Indians had gone, then I took my tance from this place I witnessed all the Indians did to you, and when they left I came on here. There, now, com-

I obeyed, and then I looked around at the fire, which was now frightfully "Quick," said Thompson, who had nounted his horse, "get up behind me and let us be off.

away from this place.'

I obeyed without a word, and in an instant later we were flying over the plain at a mad gallop. Not a word was spoken by either until we were out of the range of the fire. We had barely accomplished this when a loud report shook the air, and we knew that the flames had touched the con tents of the powder horn. I shuddered as I thought of the fate

Thompson come to my aid. Then my until we had gone several miles. At last Thompson spoke: "The Indians think you are dead by this time, Ward; they will not expect

any one to follow them, and conse quently we shall have less trouble with them when we arrive at their camp. We can rescue your wife without difficulty, I think—and yonder is the camp," he added, as we suddenly caught sight of several fires on the plains about a mile ahead of us. We were very cautious in approaching the eamp, and within half an nour after we first saw the fires we were hidden near the camp, watching the movements of the Indians. Presently all became quiet about the camp, the savages having retired within their wig-

It was now considerably past midnight, and as there were no guards stationed around the camp, we were at liberty to move as we pleased. We walked through the camp in every dilooking for my wife before we found her. We found her at last near the centre of the camp, completely laced to the trunk of a huge oak. To recamp was the work of but a few moments. Having procured horses, my Thompson slipped back into the camp When he joined us again the spirit of mortal tenement. We traveled in simorning, we came in sight of our his home, and we to ours. Shortly

but never shall I forget the events of that night on the plains .- Cincin

The following gentlemen were appointed to call the different township meetings for the purpose of electing delegates to meet in general conver tion at Clinton, to nominate candidates to represent the county of Sampson in the Constitutional Convention to meet in Raleigh on the 6th of September A. D., 1875:

These Township Conventions are to

be called on or before the last Saturday in June next. Franklin Township Committes-Dr. J. B. Seavy, N. H. Fehnell, Dr. began to whip the horse around the Lisbon Township Committee A. J. Johnson, Haywood Boykin, Allen

Blackburn. Taylor's Bridge Township-Henry Mathis, P. H. Murphy, O. P. James. Turkey Township Committee—L. R. Carroll, W. S. Mathis, Dr. Wm. . Thompson. Piney Grove Township Committee

Amos Royal, Jno. W. Giddens, W. A.

Andress. Hail's Township Committee-A. B. Parker, G. W. Hobbs, O. F. Herring. Westbrooks Township Committee Wm. Daughtery, G. R. Williams, W. H. Bryant. Mingo Township Committee Jesse

Wilson, N. B. Barefoot, R. A. Drawhorn. Dismal Township Committee-J. C. Williams, Jas. A. Aughtery, Robert tee-Thomas Bullard, Dr. P. H. Hal-

Hunnycutt's Township Committee Wiley Butler. McDaniel's Township Committee-Miles P. Owens, H. S. Spill, Jno. C. Wright.

liday, Murdoch White.

Clinton Township Committee Owen Holmes, Everett Peterson, H. E. Royal. Five delegates from each township. Delegates elected are requested to

meet in Clinton on Saturday, the 3rd of July, at 10 o'clock A. M., A. D. 1875. C. T. MURPHY, Chairman. JOHN ASHFORD, Secretary. Judge Watts Cone Fully Into A dispatch in our columns a few

days since from Halifax stated that plains with the speed of a race horse. a political meeting at Nashville, the jnry thereby being kept waiting nearly Indians had fired the long dry prairie three days. The Roanoke News has "The case was given to the jury or

to remain in Halifax two days and I could not cast this deadly agent nights longer than there was neces

them since the close of the war. What say you comrades?

To be diamonds, so valuable that a jew-obligations. "If this be treason, make eler had offered her seventy-five dollars the most of it."

Reliable Constitution is produced in the fire like one stupefied; good enough for the Radicals!—